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# Exhibit B

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February 7, 2025

#### **VIA MDL CENTRALITY, CERTIFIED MAIL, AND EMAIL**

Re: MDL 3084 – Order re Withdrawal of Counsel in Case No. 3:24-cv-04363-CRB, MDLC ID 1507

Dear C.H.,

We write on behalf of our client, Uber Technologies Inc. ("Uber"), regarding *Doe* (C.H.) v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al., 3:24-cv-04363-CRB, MDLC ID 1507, which you filed in In re Uber Technologies, Inc. Passenger Sexual Assault Litigation, 3:23-md-03084-CRB ("the MDL"). On January 10, 2025, Nachawati Law Group moved to withdraw its representation of you on the grounds that they have "been unable to reach [you] for months." Doe (C.H.), No. 3:24-cv-04363-CRB, ECF 5 at 2 (Exhibit 1). On February 3, 2025, the Court granted that motion. Doe (C.H.), No. 3:24-cv-04363-CRB, ECF 6 at 1 (Exhibit 2). It is our understanding that you have not found replacement counsel and are no longer represented by an attorney. If that understanding is incorrect, please provide this communication to your attorney, and have your attorney contact us via the information provided above or below as soon as possible.

The Court's Order states that "Within 28 days of this order, [the] plaintiff shall file a notice indicating whether they intend to pursue the action with new counsel or representing themselves. If [the] plaintiff does not file that notice, the Court will dismiss their case without prejudice." Exhibit 2 at 1. The Court also ordered Uber's counsel to "provide a copy of this order to the plaintiff[]." *Id.* The Court's Order is attached to this correspondence as Exhibit 2. Per this Order, you must "file a notice indicating whether [you] intend to pursue the action with new counsel or representing [yourself]" within 28 days of February 3, 2025, i.e. by Monday, March 3, 2025, or else "the Court will dismiss [your] case without prejudice."

We ask that you please email us confirmation of your receipt of this letter, via email to ksmith@paulweiss.com, lmurray@paulweiss.com, and rcunningham@paulweiss.com, at your earliest opportunity. If you would like to discuss the letter's contents further, please let us know, and we would be happy to organize a meet and confer.

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

C.H. 2

Sincerely,

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

By: /s/ Kyle Smith

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## EXHIBIT 1

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21	Defendants.		
22   23	MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD		
$\begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$	TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:		
25	Nachawati Law Group ("NLG"), counsel of record for Plaintiff C.H. ("Plaintiff"), moves this		
26	Court for an order permitting its withdrawal as counsel for said Plaintiff.		
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28	MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR PLAINITFF C.H.		

1	This Motion is made pursuant to Local Rule 11-5(a), and in part, California Rules of		
2	Professional Conduct 1.16(b)(4) and 1.16(d). This Notice of Motion and Motion to Withdraw is based		
3	on the below Memorandum and accompanying Declaration of Steven S. Schulte, attached as Exhibit		
4	A, filed contemporaneously. A Proposed Order is attached as Exhibit B.		
5	MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL		
6	Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 11-5(a), Nachawati Law Group ("NLG") submits this		
7	Memorandum and Notice/Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiff C.H. NLG respectfully		
8	requests that the Court grant the Motion.		
9	STATEMENT OF FACTS		
10	Plaintiff C.H. is currently represented by NLG. Plaintiff's claims were filed in the United		
11	States District Court for the Northern District of California as Case No. 3:24-cv-4363 on July 19,		
12	2024. Plaintiff's case was consolidated into the multidistrict litigation <i>In re: Uber Technologies, Inc.</i>		
13	Passenger Sexual Assault Litigation, Case No. 3:23-md-03084.		
14	NLG has been unable to reach Plaintiff now for months. See Ex. A, Declaration of Steven S.		
15	Schulte ("Schulte Decl.") at ¶ 3. NLG has made numerous, ongoing attempts to contact Plaintiff via		
16	phone, email, correspondence, and text, about the need to respond and communicate with our firm		
17	about the case, to no avail. Schulte Decl. ¶ 4(a)-(d). NLG has been unable to identify or locate any		
18	better contact information for Plaintiff. <i>Id</i> .		
19	In our firm's latest correspondence to Plaintiff late last month, sent via fed ex, NLG informed		
20	Plaintiff of its intention to withdraw in light of non-responsiveness and lack of communication.		
21	Schulte Decl. ¶ 4(d). Since then and as of this filing's date, Plaintiff has not responded or otherwise		
22	contacted or communicated with NLG. Schulte Decl. ¶ 5. NLG thus remains counsel of record for		
23	Plaintiff, while it also remains unable to reach or communicate with Plaintiff.		
24	<u>ARGUMENT</u>		
25	NLG should respectfully be permitted to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff. An attorney may		

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withdraw from a case by obtaining an order from the Court after reasonable advance written notice

has been provided to the client and to all other parties. Civ. L.R. 11-5(a). Attorneys practicing before

1	this Court are required to adhere to the California Rules of Professional Conduct. Civ. L.R. 11-	
2	4(a)(1). Under those rules, a "lawyer shall not terminate a representation until the lawyer has taken	
3	reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the client." Cal. Rules.	
4	Prof. Conduct 1.16(d)(1). NLG has given appropriate advance notice of its intent to withdraw to	
5	Plaintiff. Schulte Decl. ¶ 4(b)-(d). NLG has taken all steps possible to avoid prejudice to Plaintiff.	
6	Schulte Decl. ¶ 7.	
7	Under California Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16(b)(4), a lawyer may withdraw from a	
8	case if "the client renders it unreasonably difficult for the lawyer to carry out the representation	
9	effectively." Here, for months, Plaintiff has failed to communicate with NLG and otherwise be	
10	responsive and provide certain information required to prosecute the case. Schulte Decl. ¶¶ 2-3. NLG	
11	has been unable or will continue to be unable to meet deadlines or effectively prosecute the case	
12	because of this non-responsiveness and inability to communicate; Plaintiff's conduct thus falls into	
13	the express terms of Rule 1.16 regarding permissive withdrawal.	
14	Because this Motion is not accompanied by a substitution of counsel or an agreement by	
15	Plaintiff to proceed <i>pro se</i> , NLG will agree to the condition imposed by Civ. L.R. 11-5(b) to serve	
16	Plaintiff with all papers in this matter, unless or until Plaintiff appears pro se, other counsel appears	
17	on Plaintiff's behalf, or upon further order of the Court. See Schulte Decl. ¶ 7.	
18	CONCLUSION	
19	NLG respectfully requests that the Court enter an order terminating it and its lawyers from any	
20	further responsibility for the representation of Plaintiff C.H., and to allow ample opportunity and time	
21	to Plaintiff to retain new counsel.	
22	Dated: January 10, 2025  NACHAWATI LAW GROUP  /s./ Steven S. Schulte	
23	Steven S. Schulte (TX SBN 24051306)	
24	Admitted pro hac vice Arati Furness (CA Bar No. 225435)	
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28	MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS	

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9	UNITED STATES	DISTRICT COURT	
	NORTHERN DISTRI	CT OF CALIFORNIA	
10	SAN FRANCIS	SCO DIVISION	
1	IN DE, LIDED RECUNOLOGIES INC.	MDI N. 2.22 1 02004 CDD	
	IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., PASSENGER SEXUAL ASSAULT	MDL No. 3:23-md-03084-CRB	
12	LITIGATION	Honorable Charles R. Breyer	
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	This Document Relates to:		
14	JANE DOE (C.H.), an Individual,	Case No.: 3:24-cv-4363	
15	Plaintiff,		
16	vs.		
וטן	LIDED TECHNOLOGIES INC a Dalawara	DECLARATION OF STEVEN S. SCHULTE IN SUPPORT OF NLG'S	
ا 17	UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. a Delaware Corporation;	MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS	
18	RASIER, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability	COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR	
10	Company,	PLAINTIFF C.H.	
19	RASIER-CA, LLC, a Delaware Limited		
$_{20} $	Liability Company, and Does 1 through 50,		
20	Inclusive, et al.		
21	Defendants.		
$_{22}$			
	I, Steven S. Schulte, declare:		
23	1. I am an attorney in the law firm of Nachawati Law Group ("NLG"). I am a member of		
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	the State Bar of Texas and am admitted to practi-		
25	declaration based on my own personal knowledge. If called upon to testify, I could and would		
26	testify competently to the truth of the matters stat	red herein.	
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	DECLARATION OF SCHULTE IN SUPPOR	RT OF NLG'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS	

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1	2. Pursuant to Local Rule 11-5(b), NLG is ordered to serve all notices, papers, or pleadings on
2	Plaintiff by regular mail until such time as Plaintiff may appear <i>pro se</i> or other counsel may appear on
3	her behalf.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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6	Dated:
7	HON. CHARLES R. BREYER
8	United States District Court Judge
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28	[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNEL FOR PLAINTIFF C.H.

## EXHIBIT 2

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., PASSENGER SEXUAL ASSAULT LITIGATION

MDL No. 3084

This Order Relates To:

See Attachment

#### ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO WITHDRAW

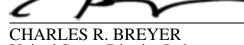
Re: Dkt. Nos. 2045, 2055, 2056, 2062, 2066, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2081

The above captioned motions to withdraw are granted. Within 28 days of this order, each plaintiff shall file a notice indicating whether they intend to pursue the action with new counsel or representing themselves. If any plaintiff does not file that notice, the Court will dismiss their case without prejudice.

Uber's counsel shall provide a copy of this order to the plaintiffs and file a declaration within 7 days of this ruling explaining how they did so.

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 3, 2025



United States District Judge

#### **ATTACHMENT**

#### This Order relates to:

C.C. vs. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05962-CRB

L.D. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05306-CRB

J.H. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-03441-CRB

C.H. vs. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-04363-CRB

R.D. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05393-CRB

J.K. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05463-CRB

M.P. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05688-CRB

T.F. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05768-CRB

A.O. v. Uber, Inc.,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05717-CRB